

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


The number of claims in the application was 77. The number of claims in the application is now 11.

The present application is a division of United States application Serial No. 09/927,551, filed August 13, 2001.

Claims 36-40 and 72-77 were cancelled from parent application 09/927,551 in response to an election/restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121. Accordingly, claims 36-40 and 72-77 now form part of the present divisional application.

In view of this preliminary amendment, this application is considered to be in a condition for examination and allowance on its merits. Favourable action is respectfully requested.

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